

REMARKS

This Response is in reply to the final Office Action mailed on November 30, 2004. Claims 1, 3-8, 13, 15, and 16 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 11 and 12 have been canceled. Claims 2, 10, and 14 were previously canceled. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1 and 3-8 are allowed. No new matter has been added. Entry and consideration of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Telephone Interview

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In a telephone interview with Examiner William Rivera on April 27, 2005, Examiner Rivera agreed that claims 13, 15 and 16 were allowable because the claims depend on claims 1, 7 and 8, respectively, which have been indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. Examiner Rivera stated that the rejection of claims 13, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) were an error on his part.

Rejection of claims 9, 11-13, 15, and 16

Claims 9, 11-13, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,055,313) in view of Gay et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2,092,966) and Hutzenlaub (U.S. Patent No. 4,117,986). The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 9, 11 and 12 have now been canceled. The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 7 and 8 are allowable. Claims 13, 15 and 16 depend on allowable independent claims 1, 7 and 8, respectively. Therefore, by reason of their dependency from allowed independent claims 1, 7, and